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EXAMINING GROUP 2666

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION

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Commissioner:

In response to the Final Action of March 24, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 9, 13, 18, and 21 and add new claims 23 and 24. The now amending claims 1-14 and 16-24 are as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) In a switching device, a method of communicating data packets from sending ports to destination ports, the method comprising:  
storing in a first stage queue packet-related data from a sending port;